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Application No.:	09/459,815	Group Art Unit:	2739
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING LOAD DISTRIBUTION ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK		

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and reconsider the application in view of the remarks that follow.

Specification:

At page 10, lines 3-19, please replace the original paragraph with the following revised paragraph.

-- In FIGURE 3A, an overview 150A is shown of another embodiment of a WAN architecture that is somewhat similar to the network architecture shown in FIGURE 2 except that it includes multiple Primary DNS and Primary EDNS servers in separate geographically remote data centers. The transaction process is similar to the steps discussed above for FIGURE 2 except that each Primary EDNS server separately collects metric information out of band and each Primary DNS server is an authoritative source for zone information. At the data center 126

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